

# Tamaqua Area School District Health and Safety Plan

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## Health and Safety Plan Summary: Tamaqua Area School District

**Initial Effective Date: July 19, 2022**

**Date of Last Review: January 17, 2023**

**Date of Last Revision: January 17, 2023**

1. How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?
  - **Having successfully fully reopened school during the 2020-21 & 2021-22 school years, we will implement many of the same procedures that served us well. Reinforcement of hygiene practices, traffic patterns, cleaning and maintenance will continue. Pre-arrival screenings and procedures for sick individuals will still be implemented.**
2. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?
  - **The school district will once again utilize its variety of platforms to provide direct instruction to the masses who will attend in-person learning. Our virtual academy will still be available for those that choose a different educational path. Our increase in staff over the past year to support the social-emotional and mental health needs of school community will be maintained.**
3. Use the table below to explain how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u> ;	The school district will utilize information from a variety of reputable sources such as the CDC, PA Department of Health, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, while incorporating local health and transmission information to allow mask wearing for anyone who chooses to wear them during the school day.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	The school district will continue to utilize physical distancing as is feasible. Classrooms will be organized to provide for such distancing and traffic patterns will continue to be utilized.
c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u> ;	Staff will continue to reinforce hand washing and respiratory etiquette through postings and reminders for older students, with direct instruction of these practices to younger students.
d. <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation</u> ;	Sanitizing of facilities and equipment will continue, as will efforts to improve our HVAC system efficiency.
e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	The school district will utilize a plan that keeps sick individuals at home. It will also provide them with information related to monitoring symptoms.
f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;	Families will be encouraged to employ daily pre-arrival screenings.
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ;	The school district will partner with local providers to connect those requesting vaccination information.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Students with disabilities will receive their full list of accommodations. We will work closely with students, parents and physicians to make informed health-related decisions.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	Through the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29, the county superintendents will continue to meet regularly to discuss information from the state as well as our local emergency management contacts.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Tamaqua Area School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **January 17, 2023**

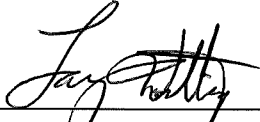
The plan was approved by a vote of:

8 Yes

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Affirmed on: **January 19, 2023**

By:



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(Signature\* of Board President)

**Larry Wittig**

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(Print Name of Board President)

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